

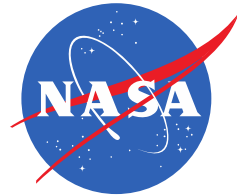
SysML 2.0 Interface Concepts

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Primary Goals for Interface Modeling

- The information captured in the model includes equivalent information that is generally contained in an interface specification document and interface design document (e.g. IRS, IDD, ICD, ...)
- The interface concepts are consistent with the behavior, structure, and other concepts of the language
- The concepts of interface specification and interface realization are distinct such that the model can clearly capture how interface specifications can be realized.
- Ensure a consistent approach to model a diverse range of interfaces (e.g. electrical, mechanical, software, user IF), and include the ability to model Modelica-like physical interface concepts and flow based concepts
- Ensure ability to support nested interfaces and reusable interfaces
- Ensure the ability to readily model different interface viewpoints that address a broad range of interface concerns

Context

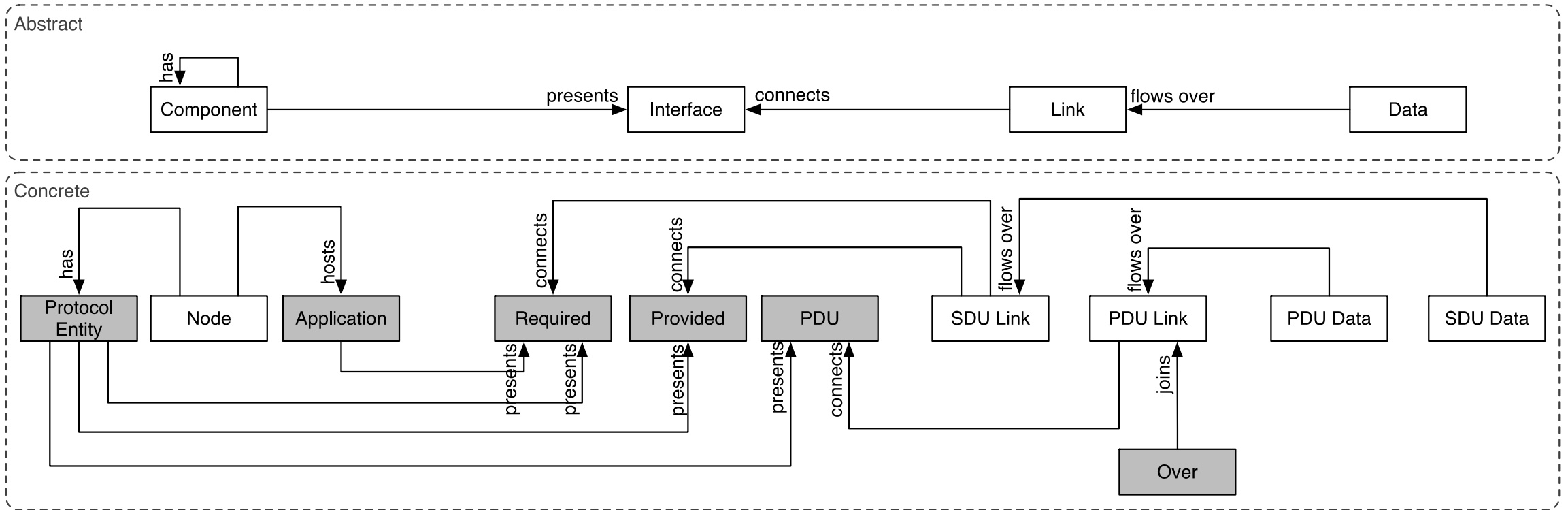
- Elaborate Interface Concept Model in context of Structure WG
- Incorporate concepts from prior interface modeling work
- From interface needs document there are three orthogonal dimensions
 - Interface Definition vs Interface Usage
 - Interface Specification vs Realization
 - Interface Layers (e.g. OSI protocol layers)
 - Levels of Abstraction (e.g. showing and hiding detail and intermediate systems)
- Will address first three.
- Assume that Levels of Abstraction is handled by Visualization and Model Construction groups.

Definition of Interface

- We take the definition of an interface to include:
 - The things on either end
 - The connection between them

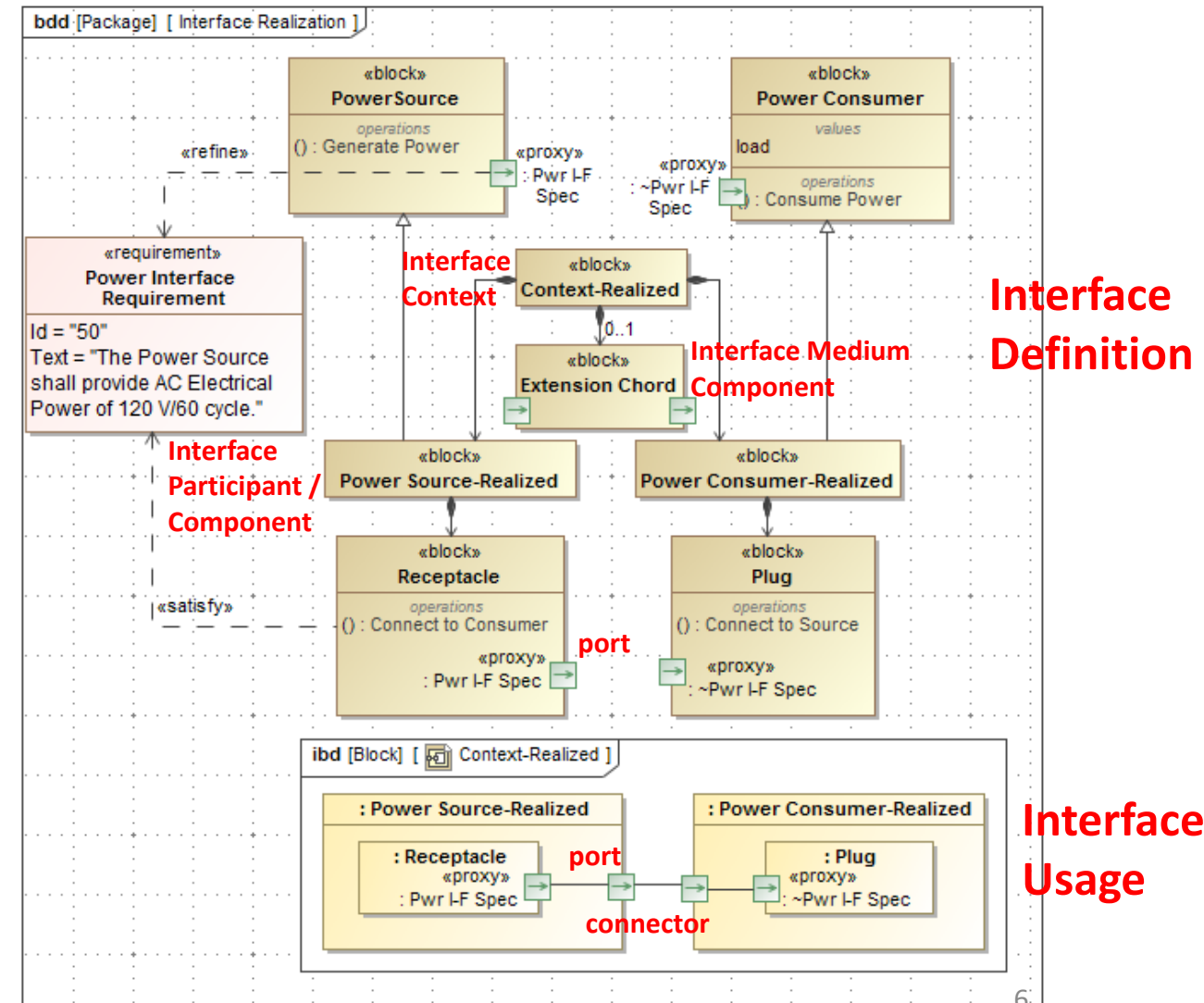
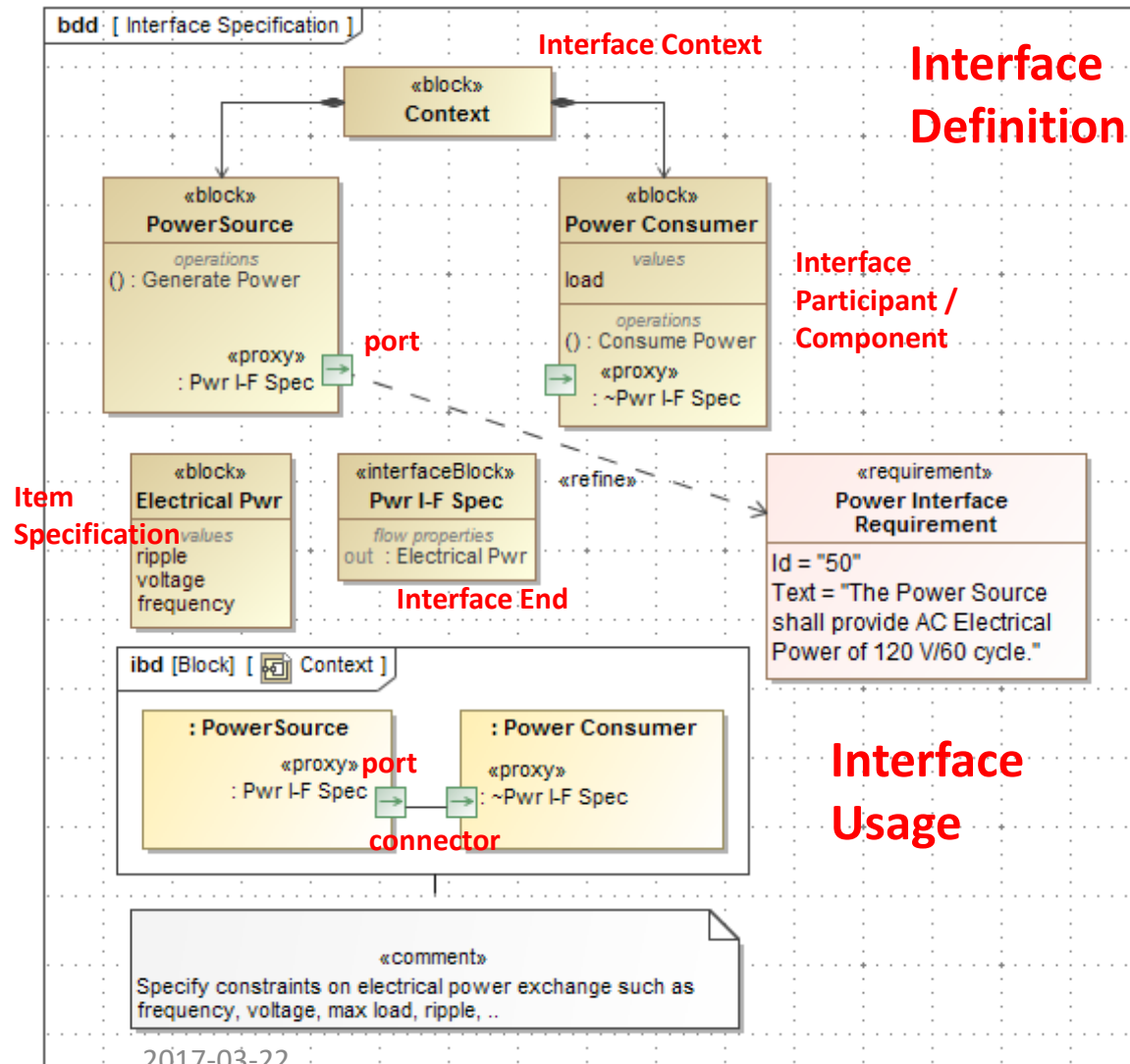


- This applies both for the Interface Definition and the Interface Usage

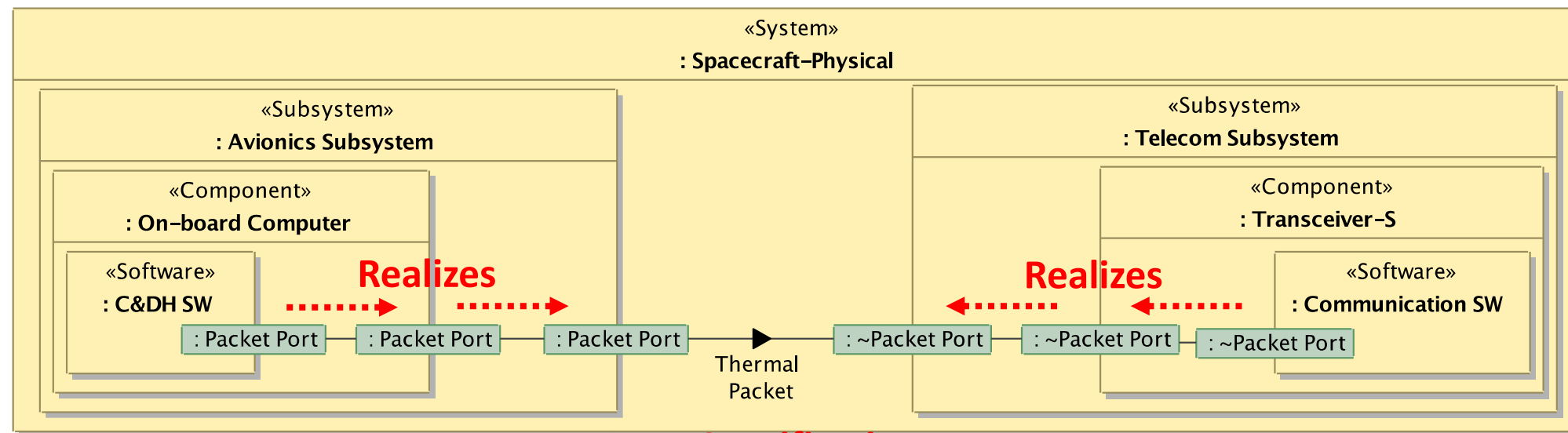


Specification vs Realization

Have changed concept model in this area. No longer have separate concepts for specification and realization.



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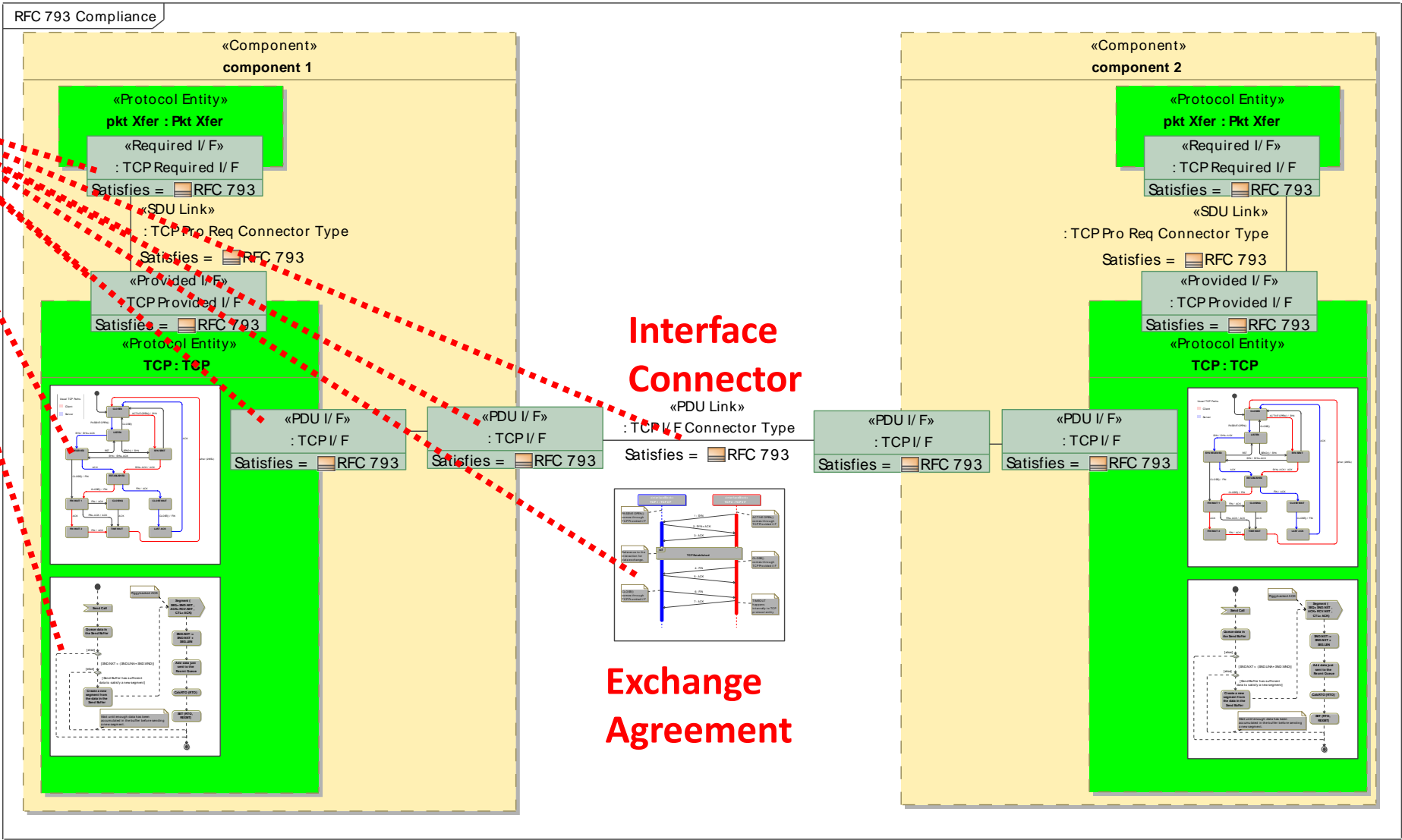
Item Specification

Component

RFC 793

Realizes

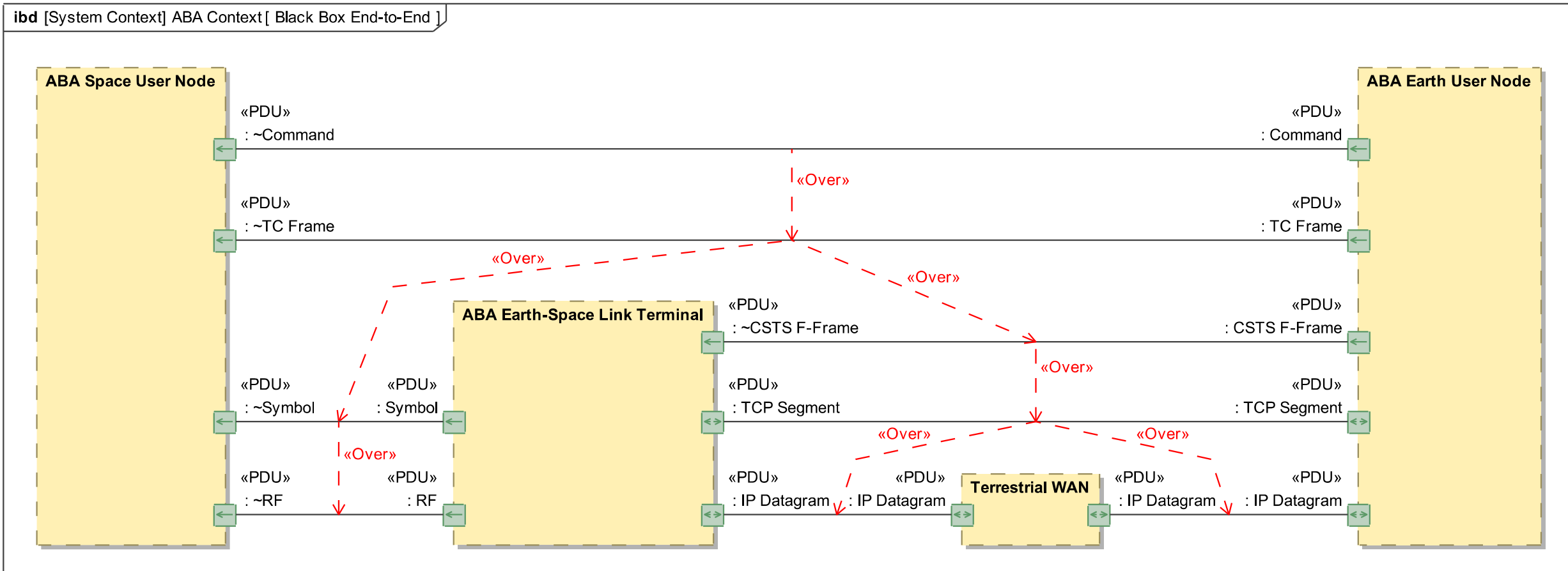
Component Behavior



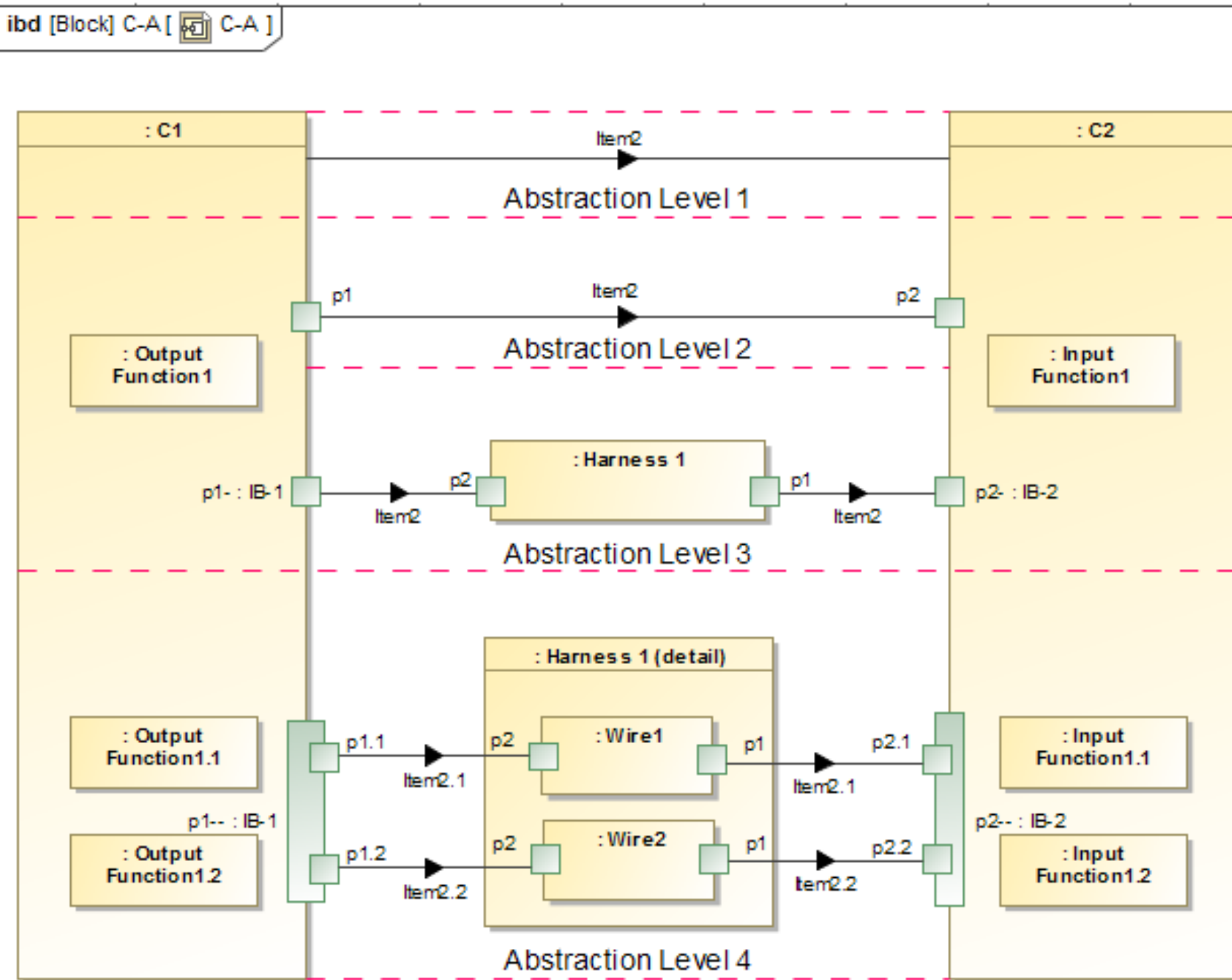
Interface Connector

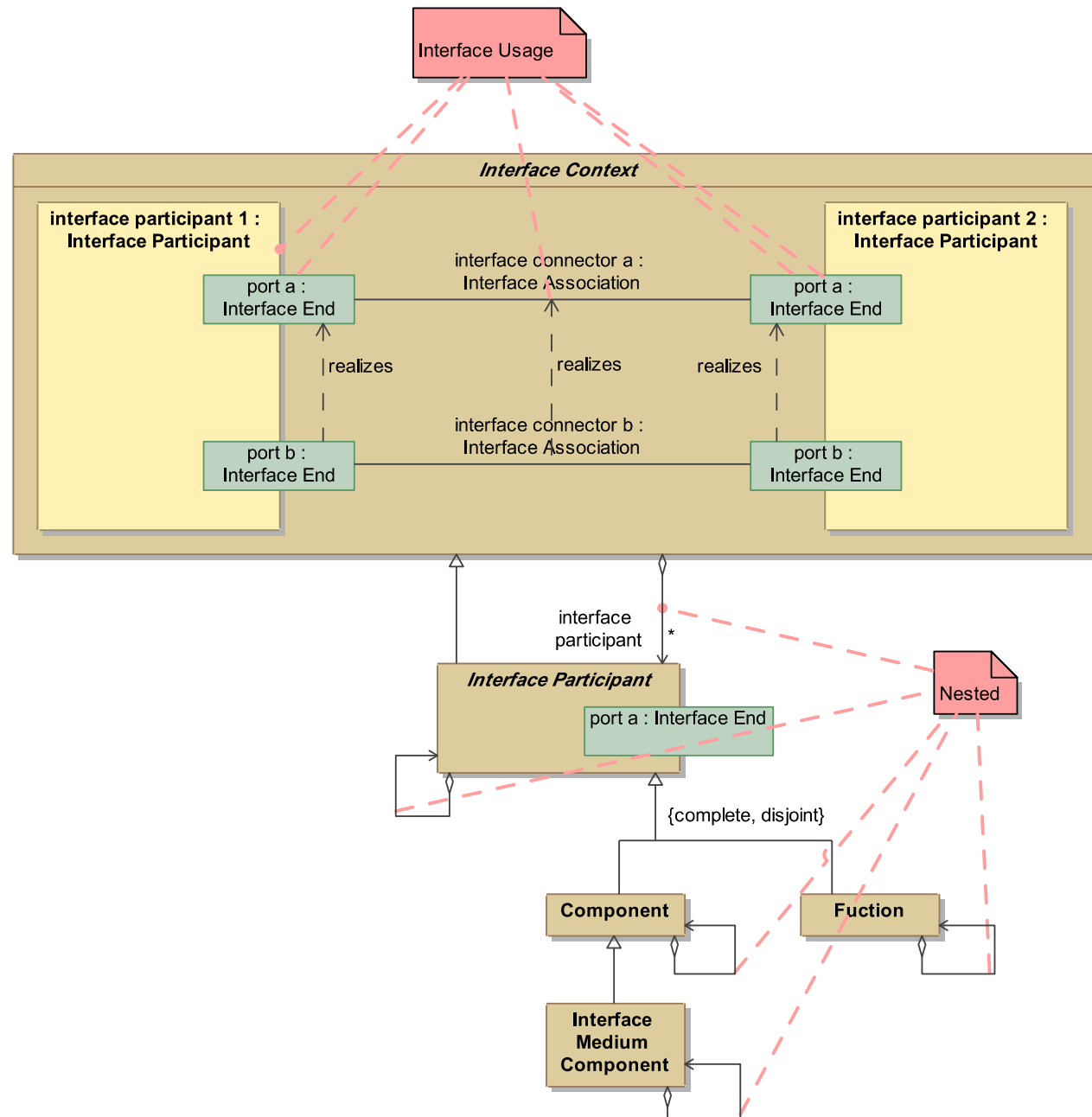
Exchange Agreement

Interface Layers



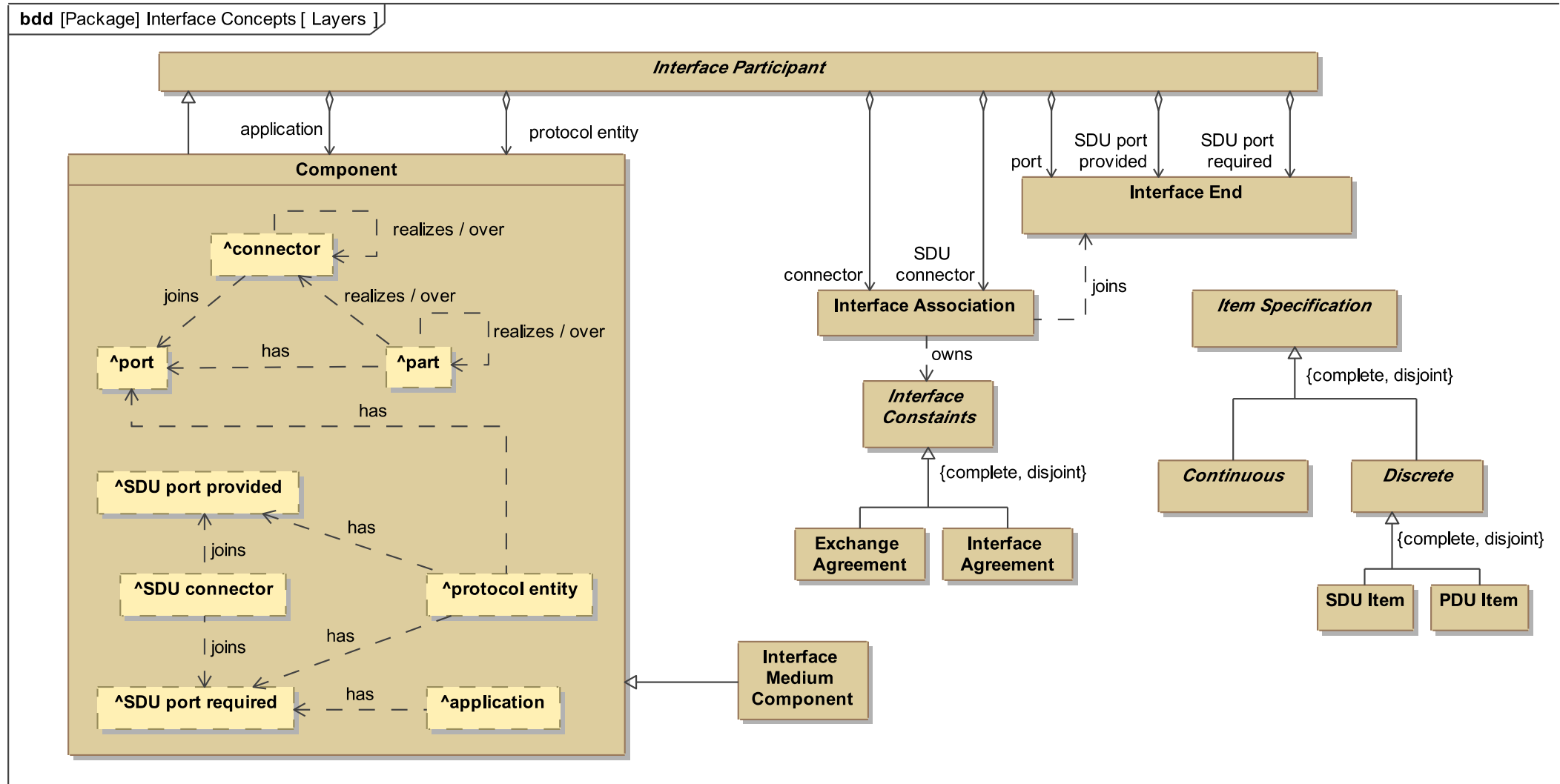
Levels of Abstraction





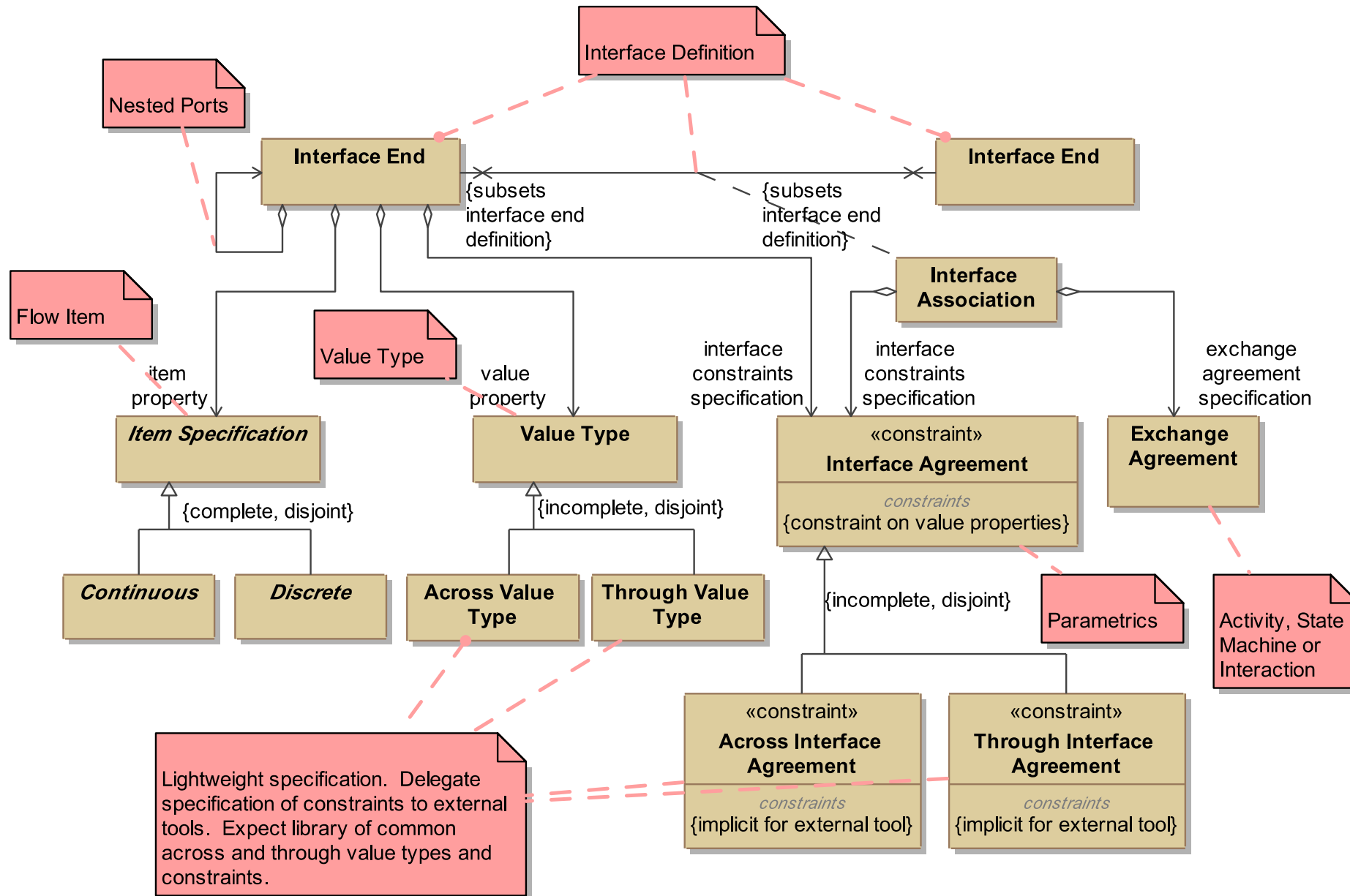
Interface Concept Model 1

Interface Concept Model 2



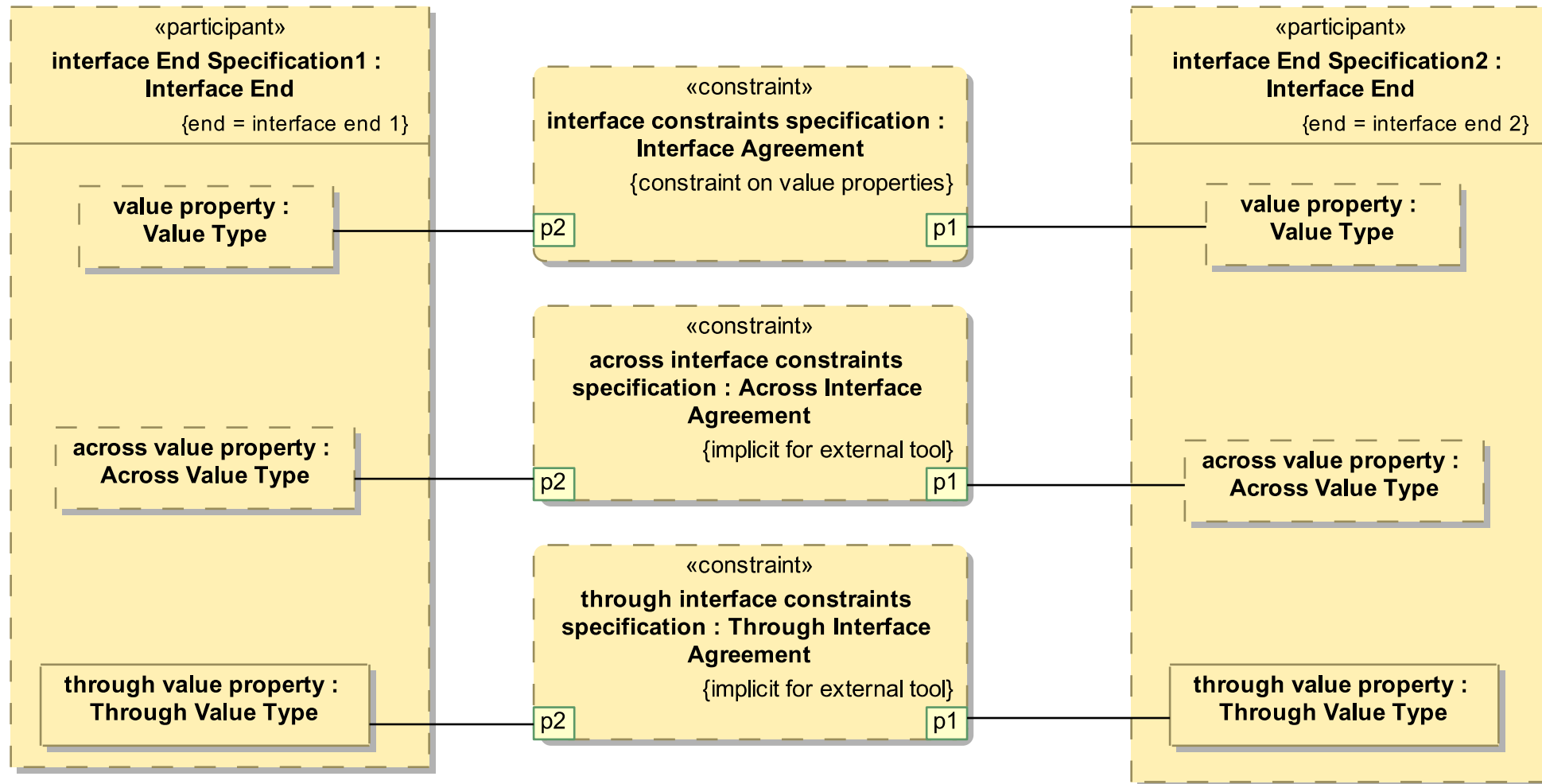
Interface Concept Model 3

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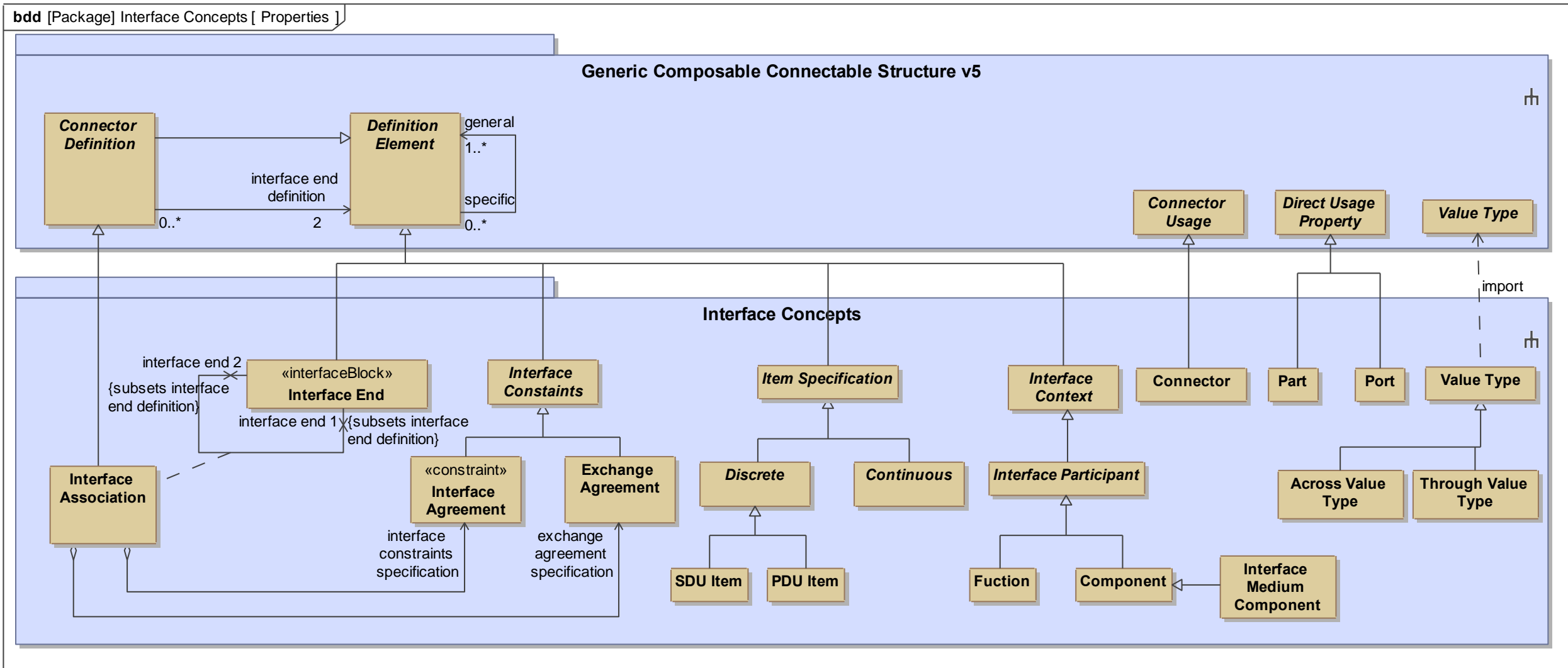


Interface Concept Model 4

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Mapping to Structure Concepts



Interface Requirements 1

- **Interface Context** The SysML v2 specification shall represent an Interface Context that allows the assembly and connection of Interface Participants and Interface Agreements.
- **Interface Participant** The SysML v2 specification shall represent an Interface Participant as a special kind of Interface Context that present Interface Ends and may be connected to other Interface Participants.
- **Component** The SysML v2 specification shall represent a Component as a special kind of Interface Participant that models a real item, either physical or logical.
- **Interface Medium Component** The SysML v2 specification shall represent an Interface Medium Component as a special kind of Component that models an interface medium.
- **Function** The SysML v2 specification shall represent a Function as a special kind of Interface Participant that models an abstract function.

Interface Requirements 2

- **Interface Association** The SysML v2 specification shall represent an Association that defines the which Interface Participants may be connected.
- **Interface End** The SysML v2 specification shall represent an Interface End that defines the specification presented to other Interface Participants, and defines to which Associations an Interface Participant may be connected.
- **Interface Constraint** The SysML v2 specification shall represent an Interface Constraint that constrains the interactions between Interface Participants.
- **Interface Agreement** The SysML v2 specification shall represent an Interface Agreement as a special kind of Interface Constraint that defines the mathematical parametric relationships between Interface Participants.
- **Exchange Agreement** The SysML v2 specification shall represent an Exchange Agreement as a special kind of Interface Constraint that defines when and how Item Specifications are exchanged between Interface Participants.

Interface Requirements 3

- **Item Specification** The SysML v2 specification shall represent an Item Specification that defines the items that may be exchanged according to an Exchange Agreement.
- **Across Value Type** The SysML v2 specification shall represent an Across Value Type, a special kind of Value Type (from structure) that defines across values.
- **Through Value Type** The SysML v2 specification shall represent an Through Value Type, a special kind of Value Type (from structure) that defines across values.
- **Across Interface Agreement** The SysML v2 specification shall represent an Across Interface Agreement as a special kind of Interface Agreement that defines the mathematical parametric relationships between Across Value Types of Interface Participants.
- **Through Interface Agreement** The SysML v2 specification shall represent a Through Interface Agreement as a special kind of Interface Agreement that defines the mathematical parametric relationships between Through Value Types of Interface Participants.

Interface Requirements 4

- **Realizes** The SysML v2 specification shall represent a Realizes relation that defines how an abstract interface usage is reified by a more concrete interface usage.
- **Over** The SysML v2 specification shall represent an Over relation, that specifies how an interface usage at an upper layer of a layered interface is transformed into an interface usage at a lower layer between Interface Participants.